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EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS

AESOP had nothing in the fable line on some of the promises made by the Democrats in 1912.

THE greatest River of Doubt in the minds of Democratic Congressmen and Senators, just now, is Salt River.

THAT new "political freedom" has probably arrived, but the already high cost of living is steadily advancing in its wake.

IF THE Secretary of the Treasury can safely withdraw reserve money from the banks, why not use it instead of levying a war tax?

SOME of those good people who are so greatly concerned about the Republican party in Polk County ought to get together and pray.

IT IS hardly to be expected that the large army of the unemployed will fall over itself in voting for the party responsible for its condition.

MEN who trade their vote and influence for office have no weight in the councils of any party, especially in the one they have betrayed.

RYE may be a name to conjure with among the negro roustabouts in Shelby County, but it is not producing harmony in other portions of the State.

WITH an increase of \$180,000,000 in our expenses over 1912-13, is it any wonder that the people are dissatisfied when there is talk of a war tax.

EVERY comparison of trade figures show that the longer the Democrats stay in power the larger the loss is. In ten months the loss in the shoe industry was \$845,000.

DOESN'T it seem queer that men who have held office as Republicans are ready to knock the party as soon as they are out? We can point to several cases that are pretty near the limit.

WE HEARD a Democratic statesman (?) spouting about the tariff, the other day. Upon being asked the difference between a specific and an ad valorem duty, he declared there were no such things.

THE statement by the Secretary of the Treasury as to the real facts in the recent sale of Tennessee securities, places the several papers that tried to immortalize LUKE LEA open to the charge of toadyism or downright lying.

THE reason why our gold is leaving us is this: For the seven months ending July 31, we owed Europe \$248,235,673. In other words, the tariff robbed American manufacturers and laborers of that amount. Is it any wonder that there is stagnation in business?

THE war has put business down and out, but the Democratic party has put the cost of living up and out of sight.

IT IS all right to agitate wearing cotton clothing, but unless business picks some of us will be wearing nothing but a frown.

THE President is so sure that the Federal Banking system is certain to succeed that he is going to start thsee as an experiment.

GOVERNMENT ownership of a merchant marine indicates that the insidious influence of Mr. BRYAN is greater than was supposed.

WITH everybody howling about the war tax, we want to state that the income, bank and automobile taxes cause us but little concern.

THE fifteen days that the President will grant his companions in crime will hardly be long enough for them to placate their constituents.

THE head of the firm of SEARS, ROEBUCK & Co., who died recently, left a fortune of \$25,000,000. This was built up by men who didn't advertise.

IF IT is ever necessary for the Republican party in Polk County to be reorganized, it at least ought to be done by those who voted that ticket last August.

ACCORDING to the last treasury statement, your Uncle SAM is paying out \$4 to every one he takes in. It wasn't that way under a Republican tariff.

THE mutual admiration existing between the President and his faithful henchmen in Congress might be all right if the people's interests had ever been considered.

WHERE there's a will there's a way. And so there will be a war tax, for Democracy can always find a way and is there mighty strong with the will when it comes to taxing the people.

THE President is writing letters in praise of Democratic Congressmen. If he would write to a few Polk County people praising Mr. MOON's efforts in our postoffice fight, it might help some.

WHILE some of the Democratic press is busy criticising Republicans for being unpatriotic on the war tax, they should remember the old saying: "Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel."

IN RELYING upon the European war to distract public attention from Democratic extravagance and incompetency and the war tax, it looks like that party will be the victim of misplaced confidence.

THE early bird that caught the worm hadn't a thing on the early chestnuts we have seen around here.

ATHLETICS and Braves meet today for one grand struggle. Take your choice, but do not get mad if your favorite loses.

MR. LA FOLLETTE has decided that he would rather remain a Senator than be a defeated candidate for Governor.

ECONOMY has long been a word for Democracy to conjure with, but it, seemingly, knows nothing of its meaning.

SEVERAL States will now make an effort to enlist Secretary McADOO's philanthropic aid in taking care of their debts.

THE promises made to the people in 1912 by the Democrats have been kept a great deal like the old lady ran the hotel.

THE difference between East St. Louis, Ill., and St. Louis, Mo., is they indict dead people in the one and vote them in the other.

CLAYTON anti-trust bill not only dehornes the SHERMAN law, but its own potency has been so crippled that it is worthless.

DEMOCRATIC Congressmen will do that new dance called the "Hesitation" when called on to explain the high cost of living.

BANKS, when it comes to loaning money, are not the timid creatures they are pictured. About all you have to do is to "show them."

THE report that Candidate RYE is shedding tears for the old soldiers would indicate that his bladder is located too close to his eyes.

THE St. Louis Globe-Democrat says perhaps it was Mr. SULZER who caused the Colonel to think he could not get a fair trial in Albany.

IF THE now important slogan of "American goods for American People" had been as earnestly agitated years ago, this country would have been better off.

SAYS the Atchison Globe: "A man may love his wife considerably without giving a dang for his kin, but it takes diplomacy to convince her of this important truth."

A MOVEMENT has been started in New York to teach children how to buy food. A movement that would enable their parents to furnish the money might help some.

A MISTAKE will have been made in figuring that a war tax revenue of \$105,000,000 will be enough. The tariff and income tax estimates indicate that Democracy's education in mathematics has been neglected, especially along economical lines.